

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 0978

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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, US, UK, UR, FR  
SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS

REFS: (A) STATE 76344 (EXDIS-NOTAL), (B) USBER 944, (C) USBER 872,  
(D) USBER 859

1. QUESTION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN CONDITIONS OF HESS  
IMPRISONMENT WAS RAISED AT THURSDAY 7 APRIL MEETING OF  
SAPNDAU GOVERNORS. SOVIET GOVERNOR (BOBOVNKOV)  
ADVISED WESTERN GOVERNORS OF HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT  
DISCUSSION OF THAT TOPIC WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL  
COMPLETION OF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION OF HESS.

2. IN A PREVIOUS GOVERNORS' MEETING THE US GOVERNOR  
FOR SPANDAU HAD PROPOSED THAT PSYCHIATRISTS FROM  
THE FOUR POWERS EXAMINE HESS AS A COROLLARY TO THE OTHER  
TESTS HE HAS UNDERGONE AND WILL UNDERGO (REFTELS C AND D)  
BOBOVNIKOV SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE IF A  
SOVIET PSYCHIATRIST IS AVAILAABLE. HE REPORTED AT  
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THURSDAY 7 APRIL MEETING THAT A SOVIET PSYCHIATRIST  
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, BUT THAT FOUR-POWER  
PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION CAN PROCEED AND A SOVIET DOCTOR,  
WHO IS NOT A PSYCHIATRIST, WILL PARTICIPATE. BOBOVNIKOV  
ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS  
IN IMPROVEMENT OF HESS' CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT  
LATER.

3. COMMENT: AT THIS STAGE, WE DO NOT INTERPRET BOBOVNIKOV ACTIONS AS DILATORY. GOVERNORS HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF CONCLUDING PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF HESS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH CHANGES IN HIS REGIMEN. THE HOLDING OF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMS WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY AGREED; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO POSTPONE MAKING CHANGES IN HESS' REGIMEN UNTIL AFTER RESULTS OF THAT EXAM ARE IN. ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDERWAY WITH A VIEW TO GIVING THE PSYCHIATRIC EXAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GEORGE

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